

Present: Brandy Randall (*Chair*), Seong Cho, Kris Condic (*Ex Officio*), Lisa Hawley, Anne Hranchook, Joanne Lipson-Freed (*Co-Chair*), Victoria Lucia, Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), Meir Shillor, V. Thandi Sule, Kris Thompson

Absent: Darrin Hanna, Daniel Llamocca

Staff: Lindsey Schaefer (Secretary)

The meeting was held remotely

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

A. Introductions

- a. Members introduced themselves as it was Victoria Lucia's first meeting.

Brandy Randall stated that she is still waiting on the final enrollment numbers and will have those to share at the next Graduate Council meeting. She stated that enrollment is down both at the undergraduate and graduate levels, with the School of Education and Human Services being particularly impacted. However, it was stated that this is a trend nationally. Dean Randall stated that the Graduate School is in the process of finding a replacement for Holly, a Graduate School recruiter who took a position outside of Oakland University. She also stated that they can begin to look at applications and the position opening will remain posted until the right candidate can be found. Dean Randall mentioned that the Grad School is developing a campus facing spreadsheet that would allow people to see where things are at in the governance process once it reaches Graduate Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Seong Cho introduced a motion to approve of the September 7, 2022 minutes. Anne Hranchook seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Commencement Participation Policy;** Second Reading: debatable, amendable, and eligible for a final vote at this meeting. Brandy Randall clarified a couple of changes that were made since the last Graduate Council meeting. There was further discussion with the emphasis on the difference between policy and procedure as it relates to the implementation of this policy.

Meir Shillor made the motion to approve the Commencement Participation Policy. Lisa Hawley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Policy on Doctoral Dissertation Submission and Embargoing;** Second Reading: debatable, amendable, and eligible for a final vote at this meeting. Brandy Randall stated that she plans on bringing this policy back for further discussion at the next meeting upon receiving more information.

DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Credit for Prior Learning Policy

Brandy Randall explained that ACE reviews the rigor of learning completed by members of the military. She also discussed badging and its emergence in the job market. Discussion and debate took place. Brandy Randall noted that she shared this policy with Kristin Landis-Piwowar who will revise the policy at the undergraduate level. Brandy Randall stated that she will continue to work on this policy to bring it back for further consideration.

B. Revising the Combined Undergraduate/Graduate Program Policy

Joanne Lipson-Freed brought forth considerations for this policy. Discussion and debate took place with an emphasis on the length of time for completion (6 years) under the current policy language. Brandy Randall stated that she will continue to revise the policy and bring it back to the Graduate Council for further consideration.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Lindsey Schaefer demonstrated the Graduate Council eSpace and Google Drive and explained the document storage and where materials for meetings can be located.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:13 p.m.